(b) and (c) The proposal is to hand over Marine Aquarium facilities to the State Government of Kerala and the research programmes at Vizhinjam Centre of CMFRI in Kerala to be shifted to the Regional Centre of CMFRI, Mandapam, Tamil Nadu. However, most staff members of C&D category would be transferred to the Headquarters of the CMFRI, Kochi within the State of Kerala. The decision has been taken in view of the approval of the X Plan Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) meeting held on 20.06.2003 for consolidation of research efforts.

Implementation of Agriculture Coordination Committee's recommendations in Uttaranchal

572. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented the recommendations of the Agriculture Coordination Committee in Uttaranchal to focus on agricultural development and policy in that State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time limit set by Government to implement the recommendations of the committee in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Adoption of Agricultural produce marketing act by States

573. SHRI V. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Produce Marketing Act, 2003 has been adopted by the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the State that have fully accepted it;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether proposal of contract farming is also a part of the above Act; and